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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Creative Problem Solving

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10 January 1985

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10 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Chief, Advance Concepts Staff,
Office of Research and Development

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1. After reading your memorandum of 28 November regarding creative problem solving, I understand and agree with your concerns about creative problem solving, and I invite your attention to the ways in which the Advanced Concepts Staff of ORD can help. [redacted]

2. The Staff is a small group of senior intelligence officers whose goal is to generate useful, important new concepts or directions which likely would not evolve from traditional research programs. For example:

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In terms of the book In Search of Excellence, the Staff is a place where "champions" of new ideas can work with like-minded people, using external research contracts and extensive connections within the Community, with an absolute minimum of bureaucratic interference. [redacted]

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3. I am continually looking for people of the right caliber to join the Staff, so your recommendations would be most welcome. As well, the Staff members -- with backgrounds in physics, chemistry, engineering, computer science, and international finance -- are willing to help develop new ideas for intelligence collection and analysis. Therefore, within the bounds of security or other sensitivities, introductions to creative people and some of their ideas would be appreciated.



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